

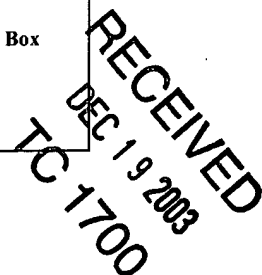
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 12, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2003, setting an initial due date of September 12, 2003. A Petition, with the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(c), extending the due date for three months from September 12, 2003 to December 12, 2003 accompanies this Response. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application in view of Applicant's amendments and remarks made herein.

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **In the Drawings:**

Informal amended drawings are presented with this paper. Specifically, Figure 4 has been amended to show the zipper claimed in the invention. Figure 2 has been amended to include reference signs 100, 113, and 114. Figure 3 has been amended to include reference signs 100, 102, and 112. Figure 4 has been amended to include reference signs 100, 102, and 104. Formal drawings will be forthcoming.